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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
[from May 1972]

Chairman: COUNCILLOR H. E. COOPER

Vice-Chairman: COUNCILLOR E. H. HOPKINSON

Alderman Miss N. Bradshaw

Alderman B. Pollard, C.A.

Alderman Mrs M. E. Williamson

Councillor R. T. Alexander

Councillor W. G. Cooper

Councillor J. P. Hobbs

Councillor E. Mitchell

Councillor C. R. Swannack

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Medical Officer of Health: Dr G. Tattersall

Chief Public Health Inspector: H. Brooks

Additional Public Health Inspector: J. A. Clarkson

Pupil Public Health Inspector: D. J. Mosley

Clerical: Miss A. Hocknell
Miss S. E. Revill
(commenced 5/4/72)

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CHANCERY LANE
TELEPHONE: RETFORD 2561

November 1973

TO THE MAYOR, AND TO THE
ALDERMEN & COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RETFORD

Mr Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 1972 estimated mid-year population is 18,290 compared with 18,340 in 1971.

The number of births in 1972 is 267, two less than the year before.

In 1972 there is no natural increase of births over deaths, rather the reverse as there were more deaths than births. The number of deaths was 275 compared with 228 in 1971.

The deaths from cancer of the lung and bronchus were 13 in 1972, compared with three previous years of 9 in 1971; 5 and 15 in 1970 and 1969 respectively.

In the three years 1970, 1971 and 1972 measles notification has shown the usual biennial swing: 105, 12, 121. There is no clear indication in these figures of the effect of immunisation of infants and children against measles, which has been in progress since 1968. It must be hoped that the build-up of immunity since 1968 will show itself in the future incidence of this disease.

Other than measles the incidence of notifiable diseases remained low during the year.

This may well be the last appearance of a report in this form, so that in conclusion I wish to thank you all for your support over the years and for the great help I have received from Mr Brooks and the staff of the Health department and the other departments of the Borough.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
G. TATTERSALL
Medical Officer of Health

SOCIAL CONDITIONS & VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area	.. .. .	4,657 acres
Public Open Spaces	.. .. .	32.9 acres
Registrar General's estimated population, mid-year 1972	.. .. .	18,290
Number of hereditaments at 1st April 1973		8,078
Rateable Value, 1st April 1973	.. .. .	£1,717,185
Sum represented by penny rate at 1st April 1973	..	£16,850

Vital Statistics are calculated on the estimated mid-year population given by the Registrar General, i.e. 18,290.

						<i>England & Wales</i>
Live Births	T 267	M 127	F 140			
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	..	..		14.6	14.8	
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births				8.2		
Stillbirths	T 1	M 0	F 1			
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths				4.0	12.0	
Total live and still births	T 268					
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	T 5	M 1	F 4			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	..	..		19.0	17.0	
Legitimate mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	..	..	..	16.0	17.0	
Illegitimate mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..	..	..	45.0	21.0	
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	..	..	..	7.0	12.0	
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	..	..	..	4.0	10.0	
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)				7.0	22.0	
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	..	..		nil		
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births				nil		
Deaths from all causes	T 275	M 141	F 134			
Death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	15.0	12.1	

CAUSES OF DEATH 1972

Malignant Neoplasm – Buccal Cavity, etc.	..	1
Malignant Neoplasm — Oesophagus	.. ..	2
Malignant Neoplasm – Stomach	.. ..	4
Malignant Neoplasm – Intestine	.. ..	4
Malignant Neoplasm – Larynx	.. ..	1
Malignant Neoplasm – Lung, Bronchus	..	13
Malignant Neoplasm – Breast	.. ..	5
Malignant Neoplasm – Uterus	.. ..	3
Malignant Neoplasm – Prostate	.. ..	2
Leukaemia	.. ..	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	.. ..	13
Diabetes Mellitus	.. ..	5
Multiple Sclerosis	.. ..	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	.. ..	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	.. ..	2
Hypertensive Disease	.. ..	6
Ischaemic Heart Disease	.. ..	68
Other Forms of Heart Disease	.. ..	13
Cerebrovascular Disease	.. ..	49
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	.. ..	12
Influenza	.. ..	7
Pneumonia	.. ..	23
Bronchitis and Emphysema	.. ..	15
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	.. ..	3
Peptic Ulcer	.. ..	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	.. ..	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	.. ..	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	.. ..	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	.. ..	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	.. ..	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	.. ..	1
Congenital anomalies	.. ..	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	.. ..	1
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	.. ..	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	.. ..	1
All Other Accidents	.. ..	3
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	.. ..	1

Total

275

Causes of death in children under 1 year

Cause	Under 24 hrs	Under 1 week	Under 1 mnth	1-3 mnths	3-6 mnths	6-9 mnths	9-12 mnths	Total
Atelectasis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Heart Disease	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Respiratory Infection	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Acute Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
TOTAL	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	5

Causes of death in Children aged 1-15 years

Cause	Pre-School	School-children	Total
Influenza & Hydrocephalus	—	1	1

Table showing deaths of children under 1 year over the last five years

	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968
No. of deaths	5	4	5	5	1

Table showing Vital Statistics 1968–1972 (inclusive)

	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968
Population (mid-year population as estimated by the Registrar General)	18,290	18,340	18,810	18,860	18,870
BIRTHS:					
Live Births — legitimate	245	241	254	244	277
— illegitimate	22	28	17	24	21
Still Births — legitimate	—	2	3	4	6
— illegitimate	1	—	1	—	1
DEATHS:					
All causes	275	228	227	274	238
Maternal Deaths	—	—	—	—	—
Infantile deaths (i.e. under 1 year) . .	5	4	5	5	1
Neonatal deaths (i.e. under 4 weeks)	2	2	2	2	1
Early neonatal deaths (i.e. under 1 week)	1	2	2	2	1
Perinatal deaths (i.e. still-births and deaths under 1 week combined)	2	4	6	6	8

DEATHS FROM CANCER OF THE LUNG & BRONCHUS
COMPARED WITH ALL OTHER DEATHS FROM CANCER
[EXCEPT LEUKAEMIA]

	Cancer of Lung & Bronchus	All other Cancer deaths (except Leukaemia)
Number	13	35
Average Age	63.6 years	66.8 years

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following diseases are notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health:

Acute Encephalitis	Measles
Acute Meningitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Acute Poliomyelitis	Paratyphoid Fever
Anthrax	Plague
Cholera	Relapsing Fever
Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever
Dysentery	Smallpox
Food Poisoning or suspected	Tetanus
Food Poisoning	Tuberculosis
Infective Jaundice	Typhoid Fever
Leprosy	Typhus
Leptospirosis	Whooping Cough
Malaria	Yellow Fever

The number of infectious diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) notified during 1972 was 151. Details of these are as follows:

<i>Diseases</i>	<i>No. of Cases</i>
Food Poisoning	1
Infective Jaundice	23
Measles	121
Scarlet Fever	6

Tables showing various details about notifiable infectious diseases during 1972 are given on pages 9 & 10.

Tuberculosis

Two primary cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year, i.e. relating to persons who had not previously been notified in the area of any authority.

A table giving details of new cases and deaths from Tuberculosis is given on page 13.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried out at the Public Health Laboratories at Lincoln and Sheffield; nine medical specimens and 218 food and water samples were submitted for examination.

Infectious Diseases (Excluding Tuberculosis) Notified in Age Groups — Admitted to Hospital, and Deaths, 1972

DISEASES	At all ages	Under 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5-10 years	10-15 years	15-20 years	20-35 years	35-45 years	45-65 years	65 & over	Age un-known	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	23	-	-	1	-	-	11	2	3	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
Suspected Food Poisoning..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	121	2	10	6	9	16	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salmonella Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	-	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	151	2	12	7	9	18	90	3	3	5	1	1	-	-	-	-

Infectious Diseases (Excluding Tuberculosis) Notified Month by Month — 1972

DISEASES	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	23	3	1	6	-	2	3	1	2	3	2	-	-
Suspected Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	121	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	26	46	43
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salmonella Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ..	151	4	2	6	-	2	3	4	4	7	30	46	43

Vaccination & Immunisation

This is a personal Health Service and is the responsibility of the County Council. This work is organised by the District Medical Officer of Health for the County Council. Protective injections are given against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Measles and Rubella. Routine vaccination against Smallpox is not now a policy of the County Council. Individual children, however, may receive such vaccination from the family doctor.

Prophylactic Measure *By P.H. Dept. By P.P.*

Diphtheria Immunisation

Primary Immunisation	..	..	118	176
Reinforcing dose	..	..	139	169

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Primary Immunisation	..	..	113	173
Reinforcing dose	..	..	1	43

Tetanus Immunisation

Primary Immunisation	..	..	119	176
Reinforcing dose	..	..	134	168

Vaccination against Smallpox

Primary Vaccination	..	..	—	1
Re-vaccination	..	..	—	—

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

Oral (three doses)	..	..	115	176
Reinforcing doses	..	..	161	167

Vaccination against Measles 108 145

Vaccination against Rubella 143 2

P.H. Dept — Public Health Department
P.P. — Private Medical Practitioner

Vaccination against Anthrax

Vaccination against Anthrax is now available in those factories where there is an occupational risk of employees contracting the disease. The vaccination is carried out by the Appointed Factory Doctor or the employees' general practitioners.

Protection against Tuberculosis

A scheme for the protection of adolescents against Tuberculosis has been in progress since 1957.

The scheme involves the skin testing and B.C.G. vaccination of all children of secondary school age, and of students.

The work is organised by the District Medical Officer of Health as agent for the County Council.

The figures for 1972 are given below:

No. of children offered vaccination	319
No. of children whose parents accepted	284
Rate of acceptance	89 .02
No. of children skin-tested	275
No. found to be positive and referred for X-ray	48
No. found to be negative	224
No. of children vaccinated	224
No. re-tested after previous vaccination	68
No. re-vaccinated	8

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases & Deaths — 1962–71 inclusive

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
New cases	0	1	2	4	0	4	6	4	2	4
Deaths	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	2

NEW CASES

1972	Annual Average over previous 10 years
2	2.7

DEATHS

1972	Annual Average over previous 10 years
0	0.8

TUBERCULOSIS 1972

New Cases and Deaths

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2-3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3-4 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4-5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-10 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-20 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-35 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-45 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-65 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER AUTHORITIES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

[a] Hospital & Specialist Services [Part II National Health Service Act 1946]

The Sheffield Regional Hospital Board is responsible for the hospitals serving East Retford Borough and Rural Districts through a Hospital Management Committee. There are four hospitals:

Victoria Hospital, Worksop
Kilton Hospital, Worksop
Carlton Hospital, near Worksop
Retford & District Hospital, Retford

The Worksop and Retford Hospital Management Committee carries out the day-to-day administration of these hospitals.

[b] Health Services provided by Local Health Authorities

The Nottinghamshire County Council provides the following services under Part III of the National Health Service Act 1946 (Dr H.I. Lockett, County Medical Officer and Principal School Medical Officer).

- 1 Care of mothers and young children
- 2 Domiciliary Midwifery
- 3 Home Nursing
- 4 Health Visiting
- 5 Vaccination and Immunisation
- 6 Ambulance Service
- 7 Prevention of illness, care and after-care of persons suffering from illness

Care of Mothers & Young Children

(a) Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the Notts County Council Health Clinic, Chancery Lane, Retford, at the following times:

Mondays: 2.0 pm to 4.30 pm
Thursday: 2.0 pm to 4.30 pm

A Medical Officer is in attendance fortnightly on Monday. Infant Welfare Clinics are also held at the Clinic, Welbeck Road, Ordsall, Retford.

Tuesdays: 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

A Medical Officer is in attendance monthly on a Tuesday.

(b) Relaxation Clinics are also held at the County Health Clinic, Chancery Lane, Retford, every Friday from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m., 2.00 to 3.00 pm, and from 3.00 to 4.00 pm.

(c) *Cervical Cytology*

A cervical cytology clinic is held at the Retford County Health Centre, Chancery Lane, Retford.

All women are invited to attend. This clinic, which takes place every other Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, is intended to provide early diagnosis of cervical cancer, and is therefore, a most important preventive measure.

I give below number of attendances for 1972:

Borough	Rural	Other Parts	Total
277	234	31	542

Domiciliary Midwifery

Mothers who can, and wish, to be confined at home, are attended by one of the County Midwives, of whom there are three in the Borough:

Mrs Parkhurst
77 Northfield Way, Retford
Tel: Retford 4210

Mrs Bailey
3 Brickenhole Lane, Walkeringham
Tel: Misterton 358

Mrs Hall
3 Priory Close, Mattersey
Tel: Wiseton 257

Home Nursing

This is a service which provides for the nursing of the chronic sick patients and of the less serious forms of acute illness where the doctor requests it. The work is carried out by:

Mrs R. M. Daly
16 Osberton Road, Retford
Tel: Retford 2457

Mrs B. Marmont
28 Howbeck Lane, Clarborough
Tel: Retford 4204

Resigned 1973

Mrs J. M. Wylie
10 Long Walk, Retford
Tel: Retford 2959

Mrs N. Anderson
"Norwood", Bramble Road, Retford
Tel: Retford 2595

Resigned 1973

Health Visiting

Health Visitors are State Registered Nurses with the knowledge of midwifery, who have attended a whole-time course in Public Health work and received the Health Visitor's Certificate. Their duties are in respect of the Personal Health Services. They work in the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics and do routine visiting in their districts, advising on prevention of illness and maintenance of health.

Vaccination & Immunisation

The vaccination and immunisation service is organised for the County Council by the District Medical Officer of Health, acting as agent for the County Council.

Ambulance Service

The main ambulance service is situated at North Road, Retford, and the vehicles comprise four ambulances and three dual-purpose vehicles, which will carry either sitting or stretcher cases.

Ambulances are normally only available on the request of doctors and other authorised persons; however, members of the public should use the emergency telephone system in the event of an emergency arising in the home or public place necessitating ambulance provision.

(d) Welfare Services provided by Local Authorities

Home Help

The Office is in Chancery Lane, Retford. This most useful service provides domestic help where, on account of illness, age or other domestic reasons, it is required. Home Help Supervisor is Miss Turner, telephone Retford 2681.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

The County Council provides a welfare service for the aged and handicapped persons.

The Welfare Office is at the Retford County Council Offices, Chancery Lane, telephone Retford 2681.

THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The School Health Service (known as the School Medical Service until 1945) started officially in 1908, but its growth was greatly increased by the Education Act of 1944 and the National Health Service Act of 1946.

The County Council as the Local Education Authority is responsible for the School Health Service.

**Details of Attendances at the Maternity & Child Welfare
Centres during 1972**

Centre	Children	Expectant Mothers	Post-Natal Cases	Medical Consultations
Chancery Lane	3513	Nil	Nil	214
Ordsall	1266	Nil	Nil	143

Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough

Sewerage, Sewage Disposal and Refuse Disposal are under the control of the Borough Engineer & Surveyor, who has given me the following information.

Sewerage & Drainage

The older part of the Borough is on the combined system, that is to say the surface water and sewage discharge into the same drain and the majority of houses have this service.

Conservancy System – a small number of houses are not connected to the sewers.

A few houses have cesspools and the emptying of these is the responsibility of the owner.

Sewage Disposal

The sewage disposal works at Hallcroft, commissioned in 1965, is treating the whole of the sewage from the Borough.

Treatment at the Hallcroft Works is grit channels, sedimentation tanks, biological filters, humus tanks, heated sludge digestion, and open drying beds. Recirculation of a portion of the effluent is in operation.

Refuse Collection & Disposal

Collection is by means of compression vehicles, and a bonus incentive scheme is in operation.

During 1972 approximately 8,000 tons of refuse was collected. Disposal is by tipping into disused gravel workings. This is not an entirely controlled method, but is carefully watched and no nuisance has arisen.

Heavy tip-levelling equipment is used to ensure that the tip is kept tidy and free from vermin.

Public Baths

The Public Baths, situated in Albert Road, are owned by the Corporation. The swimming pool, 70 feet long by 30 feet wide, is covered and heated. Eight slipper baths are also provided.

Water is drawn from the public water supply, the pool being filled at the end of March and emptied at the end of October in each year. 'Topping-off' water is added as required.

Pressure filters, break-point chlorination and chemical dosing plant have been provided, the turnover period of the water in the swimming pool is once every three hours.

Water heating is by means of oil-fired boilers and calorifier.

Bacteriological examinations have been satisfactory.

Water Supply

The Lincoln and District Water Board, of which the East Retford Borough is a constituent authority, supplies water within the Borough. I am indebted to the Distribution Engineer, Mr G. Burn, of the Lincoln and District Water Board for the information given below.

All new houses constructed in the Retford Borough have, where required, been supplied by water mains.

The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Bacteriological Examinations undertaken by the District Water Board

Number of samples taken	88
Satisfactory	87
Unsatisfactory	1

Bacteriological Examinations undertaken by the Public Health Department

Number of samples taken	17
Satisfactory	12
Unsatisfactory	1
Void	4

All the dwelling-houses within the Borough are supplied from the public water mains.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

Details of the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Food & Drugs Act 1955 provides for the sampling of food and drugs for analysis or for bacteriological or other examination. The Notts County Council is the authority responsible for these duties, and I am grateful to Mr Hannibal, Chief Inspector Food & Drugs, for a report of the Public Analyst upon articles analysed during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT (1948)

AND

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

These Acts provide for the removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention. No action was necessary under the Acts during the year, though assistance was given in getting persons into hospital on a voluntary basis.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

Particulars of samples examined and/or analysed during the year ended 31st December 1972

<i>Article</i>	NUMBER OF SAMPLES			ADULTERATED AND SUB-STANDARD SAMPLES	
	<i>Obtained</i>	<i>Genuine</i>	<i>Adult'd or Sub-Standard</i>	<i>Result of Examination and/or Analysis</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Beef, chopped, canned	1	1			
Beefburgers	2	2			
Biscuits	1	1			
Brandy	1	1			
Cheese-spread	1	1			
Chutney	1	1			
Cold relief	3	3			
Custard powder	1	1			
Dessert	2	2			
Dietetic biscuits	1	1			
Fish cakes	1	1			
Fish fingers	1	1			
Fruit sauce	1	1			
Gin	1	1			
Glace cherries	1	1			
Honey	1	1			
Ice-cream	3	3			
Ice-lolly syrup	1	1			
Icing sugar	1	1			
Jam	2	2			
Margarine	1	1			
Marmalade	1	1			
Meat & vegetable pie	1	1			
Meat paste	1	1			
Meringue powder	1	1			
Milk	21	21			
Mushrooms, canned	1	1			
Onions, dehydrated	1	1			
Peaches	1	1			
Pickle	1	1			
Plums	1	1			
Potato crisps	1	1			
Potato powder	1	1			
Ready meal	1	1			
Sauce	2	2			
Sauce mix	1	1			
Soup powder	1	1			
Steak, stewed, canned	2	2			
Suet	1	1			
Swede, dried	1	1			
Vitamin syrup	1	1			
Vitamin tablets	2	2			
Totals	72	72			

THE MILK [SPECIAL DESIGNATION] [PASTEURISED AND STERILISED] MILK REGULATIONS

	U.H.T.	Pasteurised	Sterilised	Untreated
Samples obtained & submitted to prescribed tests	2	50	6	4
Samples unsatisfactory	—	4	—	—

Bacteriological Examination of Milk Bottles

Examined 6
 Satisfactory 6
 Unsatisfactory —

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR 1972

To the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health as set out in the Public Health Officers Regulations 1959.

Sir,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my thirteenth report on the work of the Public Health Department during the year 1972.

New Legislation

Deposit of Poisonous Waste Act 1972 – to penalise the depositing on land of poisonous, noxious or polluting waste so as to give rise to an environmental hazard and to make offenders liable for any resultant damage; to require the giving of notices in connection with the removal and deposit of waste.

Housing Finance Act 1972 – amongst other matters this Act provides for the gradual conversion of controlled tenancies to regulated tenancies in the private sector and for rent rebates and allowance to be given in appropriate circumstances.

General

The following analysis gives a general indication of the variety of duties performed and the visits which have been made during the year:

	<i>Subject</i>	<i>No. of visits made</i>
Clean Air	Investigations	20
Factories	Inspections	7
Food Preparation, Storage and Sale	Inspection of premises	362
	Markets and Fairs	34
	Mobile Vans	27
	Food Complaints	28
	Food Sampling	218
	Unsound food inspection	20
Slaughterhouses	Meat Inspection	768
	Other Purposes	16
Housing	Defects	127
	Demolition or Closure	16
	Improvement and Repair	379
	Improvement Survey	200
	Overcrowding	1
	Caravans	3
National Assistance	Persons into care, etc	—
Noise	Investigations	7
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	General Inspections	189
	Re-visits	198
	Accidents	8
	Registration of Premises	10
Pet Animals, etc	Inspections	2
Petroleum	Inspections and Testing	79
Public Health	Drainage	24
	Dirty verminous persons	—
	Dirty verminous premises	3
	Infectious Diseases	59
	Lodging House	2
	Offensive Trades	5
	Knackers Yard	4
	Places of Public Entertainment	1
	Statutory Nuisances	38
Shops	Closing Hours	3
Vermin Control	Inspections	54
	Treatments	4
Refuse	Accumulations	21
	Provisions of Bins	—
	Refuse Tips	3
Interviews and appointments		199
Other miscellaneous		275

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES & FOOD PREMISES

[a] SLAUGHTERHOUSES & MEAT INSPECTION

A hundred per cent meat inspection is regularly achieved at the three slaughterhouses within the Borough, namely:

- (i) The Public Abattoir which is maintained and supervised by the Corporation, through a joint sub-Committee made up from members of the Borough and Rural District Councils, but the employment of slaughtermen, general administration and responsibility for basic cleanliness and the prevention of cruelty is the function of the Retford Meat Co Ltd;
- (ii) A private wholesale slaughterhouse specialising in the collection of 'casualty' animals for emergency slaughter and operating a 24-hour service;
- (iii) A private slaughterhouse operated by a local butcher for retail sale principally in his own shops.

The slaughterhouses are regularly inspected by the Ministry's Veterinary Officers, who are generally satisfied with the standard of hygiene maintained. Any discrepancies are usually remedied without difficulty.

Issue of Licences – Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

Twelve annual licences were issued to practising slaughtermen. Two of the licences were in respect of slaughtermen employed at the knacker's yard and allowed for the slaughter of horses in addition to cattle and 'smalls'.

The following table, produced in the form prescribed by the Ministry, shows the number of animals slaughtered, inspected and affected with disease.

	<i>Heifers and Bullocks</i>	<i>Cows and Bulls</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number slaughtered	1,678	161	62	4,104	5,291	11,296
Number inspected	1,678	161	62	4,104	5,291	11,296
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned	13	19	23	44	177	276
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned . .	522	103	26	378	1,187	2,216
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease	31.88	75.77	79.03	10.28	25.78	22.06
Tuberculosis Only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	13	13
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease	—	—	—	—	0.25	0.12
Cysticerci:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7	—	—	—	—	7
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	7	—	—	—	—	7
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

The comparative number of animals slaughtered and inspected at the respective slaughterhouses, together with the incidence of disease and other affections which justified condemnation of all or part carcase and offal, was as follows:

	<i>Steers and Heifers</i>	<i>Cows and Bulls</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Total</i>
PUBLIC ABATTOIR						
Slaughtered/Inspected	1,510	31	3	3,277	3,706	8,527
Whole carcasses condemned	—	1	—	—	1	2
Other animals affected	412	12	1	226	644	1,295
Percentage of animals affected	27 .3	41 .9	33 .3	6.9	17 .4	15 .2

PRIVATE (CASUALTY)						
Slaughtered Inspected	168	130	59	579	1,140	2,076
Whole carcasses condemned	13	18	23	44	176	274
Other animals affected	110	91	25	152	517	895
Percentage of animals affected	73 .2	83 .8	81 .3	33 .8	60 .8	56 .3

PRIVATE						
Slaughtered/Inspected	—	—	—	248	445	693
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other animals affected	—	—	—	—	26	26
Percentage of animals affected	—	—	—	—	5 .8	3 .7

A comparison of the number of animals slaughtered in Retford Borough, together with the weight of meat and offal condemned over the last eleven years is as follows:

	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Weight condemned (lb)</i>
1962	2,906	142	6,189	5,891	70,853
1963	2,692	202	5,020	5,561	69,417
1964	2,503	78	5,607	6,336	40,784
1965	2,263	85	6,820	5,148	31,442
1966	2,367	118	5,956	6,600	42,616
1967	2,387	161	5,682	5,770	47,486
1968	2,340	144	4,892	5,642	42,830
1969	1,920	115	3,957	5,580	42,712
1970	2,195	128	4,235	5,218	64,645
1971	1,968	100	4,230	5,336	59,060
1972	1,839	62	4,104	5,291	57,400

WHOLE CARCASSES & OFFAL CONDEMNED

	<i>Steers and Heifers</i>	<i>Cows and Bulls</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1971</i>
Abnormal odour	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Anaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Actinobacillosis generalised	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Actinomycosis generalised	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arthritis (with emaciation)	—	—	—	10	10	20	—
Blackleg	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bruising extensive & severe	1	2	—	4	—	7	3
Congestion	2	2	1	2	3	10	12
Decomposition	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Emaciation and/or oedema	1	3	8	11	20	43	33
Fever	2	—	—	—	2	4	2
Gangrene	—	—	1	1	4	6	8
Generalised Arthritis	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Gross Contamination	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Immaturity	—	—	2	—	—	2	26
Injury, multiple	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Jaundice	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Leukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Moribund	—	—	1	—	5	6	1
Nephritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pyaemia	1	1	4	5	92	103	130
Pyelonephritis Bilateral	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Rickets	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Septic Arthritis	—	—	—	—	7	7	7
Acute Septic Mastitis	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
Acute Septic Metritis	—	2	—	1	1	4	3
Acute Septic Pericarditis	1	1	—	—	2	4	7
Acute Septic Peritonitis	1	2	—	4	10	17	24
Acute Septic Pneumonia	3	3	3	—	9	18	15
Other Acute Septic conditions	1	2	2	—	2	7	4
Swine Erysipelas Acute	—	—	1	—	4	5	4
Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Toxaemia	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Tumours, multiple and or malignant	—	—	—	3	—	3	1
Uraemia	—	—	—	1	4	5	3
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	13 (3)	19 (24)	23 (43)	44 (35)	177 (187)	276 (292)	(292)

In addition, the following parts of carcasses and offal were condemned as unfit for food, and were directed to sterilising plants within the Borough or at Bolsover. Certain cirrhotic livers are collected by the owners of a mink farm in the Rural District under approved conditions.

Part Carcasses & Offal Condemned

	(1971)		(1971)
Heads	64 (107)	Legs.....	108 (189)
Tongues	49 (103)	Loins/Backs	26 (8)
Lungs	1255 (1204)	Flanks/Bellies....	44 (36)
Hearts	248 (245)	Breasts/Briskets	3 (2)
Livers	733 (792)	Shoulders	3 (7)
Part Livers	113 (145)	Oysters	7 (1)
Spleens.....	14 (35)	Diaphragms	— (1)
Kidneys	210 (172)	Skin.....	6 (—)
Stomachs	6 (1)	Necks	2 (6)
Intestines	16 (15)	Hindquarters	63 (66)
Udders	12 (28)	Forequarters	25 (42)
Feet	56 (122)	Whole Sides	4 (3)

and miscellaneous trimmings, making an estimated total weight of all meat condemned as unfit for human consumption – 25 tons 12 cwts 56lbs.

(b) Inspection & Sampling of Other Foods

The following samples were submitted for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Lincoln, and I am indebted to Dr Croll and his staff for their co-operation and advice.

<i>No. and types of sample</i>		<i>Tests applied</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Void</i>	
Drinking water	17	Coliform Bacilli	12	1	4	
Prepared animal casings	7	Pathogens & heat-resistant Cl. Welchii	7	—	—	
Cream	1	Methylene Blue	1	—	—	
Meat pies	10	Colony count at 22°C)	4	6	—	
		Colony count at 37°C)	—	—	—	
Cooked meats	143	Faecal Coli)	76	67		
		Other Pathogens)				
Ice-cream	40	Methylene Blue	35	1	4	
		<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>	<i>Grade 3</i>	<i>Grade 4</i>	<i>Void</i>
Pre-packed	35	31	—	—	—	4
Loose	5	3	1	1	—	—

The following foodstuffs were submitted for inspection from local traders, and voluntarily surrendered for destruction on being found unfit for human consumption.

Tins of:	Vegetables	9
	Fruit	13
	Milk Products	4
	Meat Products	30
	Minerals	20
Packets of:	Vegetables	307
	Fish	309
	Meat Products	250
	Desserts	182
	Pastry	8
	Cakes	22
	Chips	54
	Pies	79
	Vol-au-vents	2
Jars of:	Paste	1
	Fruit Juice	12
Cases of:	Cauliflower	1
Loose quantities of:	Chips	20 lbs
	Fish	106½ lbs
	Fat	84 lbs
	Salmon	2
	Pies	61
	Fish Cakes	24
	Sausage Rolls	24

Approximate weight of food condemned — 13 cwts 103¼ lbs.

Inspection of Food Premises

The regular inspection of food premises, with particular attention to food handling techniques, is one of the most important aspects of a Public Health Inspector's duties.

The number of visits to any one premise is related to the type of trade carried out and the foods at risk.

The following table shows the number and type of food-handling premises in the Borough at the end of the year, together with the number of visits made to each type of premises in parentheses.

Bakehouses	4 (11)	Fresh Fish & Game	1 (2)
Bakers' Confectionery	4 (8)	Fried Fish & Chips	9 (17)
Butchers' & Cooked Meats	18 (67)	Fruit & Vegetables	9 (23)
Catering Establishments	12 (40)	Grocers Gen. Dealers	43 (86)
Clubs and Canteens	25 (14)	Hotels & Licensed	35 (68)
		Premises	
Dairies	1 (3)	Sweets	9 (14)
Food Factories	4 (5)	Warehouses	6 (4)

In addition to the 362 routine visits to food premises for compliance with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations and the further 266 inspections for the purpose of sampling and inspection of foodstuffs, 34 inspections were made during the year of the Saturday market and the food-stalls of the two annual fairs. A watching brief is also kept on all mobile vans operating in the area, and 27 detailed inspections were made to secure compliance.

Contraventions — Details of Notices Served

<i>Reg.</i>	<i>Contraventions</i>	<i>Out- standing 1.1.72</i>	<i>Served in 1972</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>	<i>Out- standing 1.1.73</i>
5	Insanitary premises	—	—	—	—
6	Cleanliness/repair of equip- ment	23	14	16	21
8	Protection against contamina- tion	3	2	3	2
9	Personal hygiene	3	7	2	8
10	Vehicles — suitability	—	1	1	—
12	Drainage within food rooms	1	—	1	—
14	WC accommodation	42	28	28	42
16	Hand-washing facilities	15	31	18	28
17	First-aid materials	12	14	9	17
18	Outer clothing accommoda- tion	5	5	4	6
19	Food/equipment washing facilities	3	1	2	2
20	Lighting of food rooms	1	3	—	4
21	Ventilation of food rooms	9	2	7	4
23	Cleanliness/repair of food rooms	68	34	33	69
24	Accumulation of refuse	7	3	8	2
25	Storage temperature of cer- tain foods	—	—	—	—
26	Cleanliness of stalls/vehicles	7	7	7	7
	Informal notices — served		58		
	complied with		57		
	outstanding 1.1.73		83		

Registration of Premises: Section 16 Food & Drugs Act 1965

Certificates of registration issued during 1972 2

Total number of registered premises at 31.12.72:

Manufacture of pickled, pressed or preserved foods 16

Manufacture of ice-cream	1
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Retail of pre-packed ice-cream	50
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HOUSING MATTERS

Public Health & Housing Acts 1936-69

Number of inspections of houses for repair and/or nuisance, etc (Public Health & Housing Acts)	127
Number of inspections of houses for repairs in connection with improvement grants (Housing Acts)	379
Total number of inspections made for housing purposes	726
Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation	25
Houses represented as "individual unfits"	13
Demolition Orders confirmed	3
Closing Orders made	4
Undertaking to make fit accepted	2
Houses represented in clearance areas	12

<i>Position at 31.12.72</i>	<i>Demoli- tion Orders</i>	<i>Closing Orders</i>	<i>Under- takings</i>	<i>Clear- ance Orders</i>	<i>Totals</i>	<i>1971</i>
Houses demolished in 1972	8	1	—	51	60	11
Houses closed in 1972	N/A	—	—	N/A	—	2
Houses made unfit and orders revoked	—	—	—	N/A	—	—
Houses vacant pending demolition	29	N/A	N/A	15	44	58
Houses still occupied	20	2	—	7	29	60
Houses awaiting confirmation orders	9	—	—	—	9	3

N/A — not applicable

During the year 42 houses became vacant, 28 families (62 persons) being rehoused by the Council, and 12 families (42 persons) finding private alternative accommodation. Two tenants died prior to rehousing.

In 1972 the Council development on Spital Hill made good progress (89 houses completed) and a substantial number of families were rehoused in this area close to the town centre. In the same period private enterprise completed 63 dwellings for owner-occupation.

Post-war totals (1946-72 inclusive): Council 1,482; Private Enterprise 1,222.

Works carried out under notice included the following:

Repair/renewal of:			
Roofs and weatherings	7	Doors	5
Chimney-stacks	15	Staircases	6
Gutters and downspouts	3	Sinks/draining boards	4
Windows	19	Fireplaces grates, etc	2
Ext. pointing brickwork	8	Alleviation of dampness	17
WC cisterns, basins, etc	23	External redecoration	8
Yard surfaces	4	Improvement of kitchen areas	11
Floors – resurfaced	4	Artificial lighting	6
Floors – repaired	5	Water supply	1
Walls	1	Artificial heating	1

Except in the case of conversion of large properties into self-contained flats or the major works involved in the renovation of detached properties in good areas, the standard grant remains the more popular grant for provision of modern amenities in tenanted properties. When advice is sought on these matters we must bear in mind the comparatively low valuation of the smaller terrace-type property in Retford designed for the housing of the ‘working classes’ at the turn of the century. In the type of areas in which such property is situated a regulated rent of some £2-£3 plus rates can be expected regardless of expenditure involved in improving and making fit.

No application is submitted for approval unless the property is considered fit and in good repair, or a written undertaking obtained from the owner that the essential works, specified by this Department, will be carried out concurrently with improvements.

It is interesting to note that, of all plans submitted to the Council showing the proposed provision of modern amenities, there is a greater proportion within areas previously surveyed.

	<i>Within surveyed areas</i>		<i>Outside surveyed areas</i>	
	<i>Tenanted</i>	<i>Owner-occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>	<i>Owner-occupied</i>
1966	9	4	4	31
1967	18	13	8	29
1968	55	35	5	24
1969	17	46	7	19
1970	42	28	3	21
1971	28	19	17	27
1972	53	29	4	10

Application for “Standard Grant & Qualification Certificate”

Applications received	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
‘Provisional approval’ given	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Decision pending on 31.12.72		..	..	..	..	..	4

Applications for "Qualification Certificates" only
(amenities provided)

Applications received	31
Approved	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Refused	Disrepair – 0 Not 'controlled tenancy' – 12)						12
Withdrawn for re-submission	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Decisions pending on 31.12.72	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

Standard Grants

Applications:	<i>Owner-occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>
received	30 (47)	11 (38)
approved	26 (41)	11 (33)
refused	1 (–)	– (–)
withdrawn	3 (6)	– (3)
decisions pending	– (–)	– (2)
Number of dwellings improved during 1972	24 (38)	21 (23)
Amount paid in grants (to nearest £)	£2871 (£3056)	£3443 (£4041)
Average grant per house (to nearest £)	£119 (£80)	£164 (£171)
Amenities provided:		
(a) fixed baths	8 (11)	12 (15)
(b) showers	– (–)	– (1)
(c) washbasins	9 (12)	12 (16)
(d) hot-water systems	9 (11)	12 (16)
(e) internal wc.s	23 (31)	20 (19)
(f) sinks	3 (2)	5 (2)
(g) structural alterations	2 (5)	9 (8)

Discretionary Grants

Applications:	<i>Owner-occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>
received	14 (8)	39 (23)
approved	14 (7)	39 (22)
refused	– (1)	– (1)
Number of dwellings improved during 1972	6 (3)	20 (12)
Amount paid in grants	£3413 (£1150)	£7162 (£12337)
Average grant per house	£569 (£383)	£358 (£1028)

(figures in parentheses indicate those for 1971)

(iii) Caravans

There is no caravan problem within the Borough.

(iv) Overcrowding

No cases of overcrowding were found during routine inspections carried out in 1972.

PUBLIC HEALTH & OTHER MATTERS

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936

[1] **Statutory Nuisances.** Complaints concerning dirty verminous premises, refuse accumulations, choked or insanitary drains or water-courses, noise and dust nuisance, etc, were investigated, involving a total of 93 visits. Of the 20 informal notices which needed to be served only 3 were outstanding at the end of the year.

[2] **Infectious Diseases.** Six cases of scarlet fever, one case of food poisoning, and twenty-three cases of infective jaundice were investigated during the year. These visits provided an excellent opportunity for advising householders on the need for care in the purchasing, handling and storage of open foodstuffs.

[3] **Vermin Control.** The eradication of vermin and insect pests is carried out principally by an employee of the Highways Department, who also acts as a part-time Rodent Operator.

Treatment included:	Ants	53	Fleas	1
	Woodworm	5	Insects	1
	Beetles	22	Grubs	1
	Wasps	4		

Sample packets of insecticides are available free on request at the Public Health Department for the treatment of ants, and disinfectant is available for cases of infectious diseases and other special circumstances.

[4] **Common Lodging House.** This house in Moorgate, which has licensed accommodation for 26 persons, is kept under surveillance. The female dormitories have not been in use for some years as there is no longer a demand for this accommodation.

[5] **Mortuary.** The Mortuary is now used solely as a depository for bodies awaiting identification and/or delivery to Victoria Hospital, Worksop, for post-mortems ordered by the Coroner.

By arrangement with the Coroner, no laying-out of bodies is now carried out by an employee of this authority. Whilst we are still responsible for the general cleansing and maintenance of the mortuary, notification of the admission of bodies was no longer required after November 1969.

[6] Provision of Refuse Bins. Under the Council's scheme for the provision of refuse bins to premises at a basic rate of 37p per annum, 290 bins were issued during the year. Of these 110 were new applications, and 180 were replacements of worn-out bins.

There are 2,346 bins on hire within the Borough.

This is the only section of the Council's refuse collection and disposal service which is administered from this department.

[7] Offensive Trades and Knackers Yards. (a) Since removal of the fat-extractor plant from the local offensive trades factory in October 1969, widespread smell nuisance has been considerably reduced and when this nuisance does occur it is localised to within some fifty yards of the perimeter of the grounds. The provision of large metal containers for the storage and regular removal of waste has also done much to reduce fly and smell nuisance.

Two complaints were received and investigated during the year. Regular surveillance is also kept on all working areas of the factory, which includes fellmongery and gut-scraping.

(b) Only one knacker's yard is now licensed within the Borough, and is situated at the above factory. This is regularly inspected in conjunction with the Ministry's Veterinary Officer's visits.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

Two licences, relating to a pet shop and a market stall, were issued during the year.

CLEAN AIR ACTS 1956-68

Twenty visits were made in connection with smoke nuisances and/or non-compliance with the provisions of the Act relating to the production of dark smoke, and appropriate informal action taken.

Three notices were received under Section 3 of the 1956 Act relating to the installation of furnaces.

All three applications were also approved under Section 6 of the 1968 Act relating to chimney heights.

Readings of daily smoke and sulphur dioxide emissions are taken at the Public Health Department, Chancery Lane, and monthly reports are received from the C.E.G.B. from their recording stations at Ordsall and Carr Hill School, Tiln Lane.

	SMOKE			SULPHUR-DIOXIDE		
	<i>Ordsall</i>	<i>Town Centre</i>	<i>Carr Hill</i>	<i>Ordsall</i>	<i>Town Centre</i>	<i>Carr Hill</i>
1965	—	122	—	—	97	—
1966	—	102	—	—	86	—
1967	52	95	66	37	75	80
1968	34*	83	46*	50*	86	72*
1969	41	75	50	57	98	83
1970	40	68	48	72	97	74
1971	44	86	48	57	103	73
1972	37	57	38	50	97	61

**estimated*

I am pleased to note that the downward trend of smoke and sulphur dioxide pollution in the town centre during the period 1965-70 has again been achieved during 1972.

However, these figures may have been slightly influenced by the coal-miners' strike which resulted in disruption of power supplies affecting the operation of the smoke/SO₂ instruments.

OIL HEATERS REGULATIONS 1962-66

Regular inspections are made of all goods offered for sale by auction in the Corn Exchange and Town Hall Yard to trace oil heaters likely to be defective or dangerous. By informal arrangement with the local auctioneers, all such heaters (together with any unguarded or dangerous open-element electric radiators) are withdrawn from sale and destroyed.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The conscientious and efficient work of the part-time rodent operator, Mr R. Manning, has ensured the smooth-running of the pest control service and is to be commended.

I have the sad duty to report the death of the previous rodent operator, Mr P. Maud, who retired in 1971.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>
1 Number of properties in district	7937 (7902)	33 (38)
2 (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	166 (157)	— (2)
(b) Number infested by: (i) rats	150 (148)	— (2)
(ii) mice	16 (9)	— (—)
3 (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	46 (13)	— (—)
(b) Number infested by: (i) rats	45 (13)	— (—)
(ii) mice	1 (—)	— (—)

figures in parentheses are for 1971

OFFICES SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The following tables are in the form prescribed by the Ministry of Labour.

TABLE A — REGISTRATIONS & GENERAL INSPECTIONS

<i>Class of Premises</i>	<i>No. of premises registered during the year</i>	<i>Total No. of Registered premises at the end of year</i>	<i>No. of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year</i>
Offices	6	65	62
Retail shops	5	140	94
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	9	4
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	15	23
Fuel storage depots	2	2	2
TOTALS	14	231	185

TABLE B — NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

TABLE C — ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES
BY WORKPLACE

<i>Class of Workplace</i>	<i>No. of persons employed</i>
Offices	688
Retail shops	691
Wholesale department, warehouses	114
Catering establishments open to the public	85
Canteens	—
Fuel storage depots	10
Total	1,588
Total males	718
Total females	870

TABLE D — EXEMPTIONS

There were no exemptions.

TABLE E — PROSECUTIONS

There were no prosecutions.

TABLE F — INSPECTORS

No. of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act	2
No. of other staff employed for most of this time on work in connection with the Act	NIL
No. of Accidents reported under Section 48 of the Act ..	8
No. of Accidents investigated as to causation	8

GENERAL REPORT

Details of notices served and action taken :

Informal Notices	Offices	Shops	W/houses	Canteens etc.	Fuel Depots	Totals
Outstanding 1.1.72	12	71	—	6	—	89
Served 1972	47	63	4	5	2	121
Totals	59	134	4	11	2	210
Fully complied with	11	66	1	5	—	83
Outstanding 1.1.73	48	68	3	6	2	127

Contraventions found:

<i>Section of Act</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Outstanding 1.1.72</i>	<i>Contraventions noted during 1972</i>	<i>Complied with</i>	<i>Outstanding 1.1.73</i>
4	CLEANLINESS				
	Premises	38	67	32	73
	Furn/Fittings	—	6	—	6
5	OVERCROWDING				
	Injurious	—	—	—	—
	Statutory	—	—	—	—
6	TEMPERATURE				
	Adequate	5	3	3	5
	Thermometers	37	42	24	55
7	VENTILATION	25	39	21	43
8	LIGHTING	5	9	6	8
9	SANIT, ACCOM.				
	Adequate	1	3	2	2
	Clean & Repair	24	36	15	45
	Art. Lighting	11	14	7	18
	S.T. Disposal	1	—	—	1
10	WASHING FACILITIES				
	Adequate	7	7	5	9
	Clean & Repair	1	8	1	8
11	DRINKING WATER				
	Water	6	12	1	17
	Drink'g Vessels	—	—	—	—
12	CLOTH ACCOM.				
	Provision	14	11	15	10
	Drying Facs.	26	13	18	21
13	SEATING FACS.				
	General 1: 3	2	2	1	3
	Sedentary	—	—	—	—
15	EATING FACS.				
	Shops	—	—	—	—
16	FLOORS, PASSAGES AND STAIRS				
	Repair & Maintenance	36	64	31	69
17	DANGEROUS				
	Fencing	—	—	—	—
18	MACHINERY				
	Protect Y.P's	—	—	—	—
19					
	Training use	—	—	—	—
23	HEAVY WORK				
	Prohibition	—	—	—	—
24	FIRST-AID				
	Provision	60	81	53	88
27	DANGEROUS ACTS				
	Prohibitions	6	6	12	—
50	ABSTRACT OF ACT				
	Provision	40	64	33	71
Totals		345	487	280	552

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The following tables are in the form prescribed by the Ministry.

(1) INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)	No. of Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	77	12	4	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	77	12	4	—

2 — Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases)

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. By H.M. Inspector (4)	Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	—	1	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2).....	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Lighting (S.5)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	—	1	—	—
TOTALS	4	2	2	—	—

N.B. With only two exceptions, referred to H.M. Inspector, all visits and informal notices are primarily in connection with other complimentary legislation, i e Food Hygiene Regulations.

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1928-36

The following licences were issued during the year:

Licences to store petroleum spirit in underground tanks:

(a) for private use	..	..	..	24 (28,550 gals)
(b) for retail sale	..	..	..	12 (60,800 gals)

Licence to store petroleum spirit in cans or containers 1 (40 gals)

Licences to store petroleum mixtures 10 (715 gals)

During 1972 all installations were visited at least once for routine fire protection purposes, and display of statutory notices (total of 53 visits) together with a further 26 visits in connection with the testing of old tanks and associated pipelines.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the staff of the Department and other Chief Officers of the Council for their co-operation during the year and in the preparation of this report.

With the advent of local government reorganisation it is most likely that this will be the last report I shall give in this form to the present Council. The cordial liaison which has existed between members of the Council, and particularly the Chairman and the members of the Public Health Committee, and this Department during the last thirteen years has been very much appreciated.

Whilst we may face the future with some trepidation, we can at least look back in retrospect on our work on behalf of the general public of Retford with some satisfaction. The responsibilities of the Environmental Health Department are constantly expanding partly from necessity to combat modern hazards such as poisonous wastes, noise and atmospheric pollution, etc, and partly from demand by the general public for improved conditions in the home, at work and in leisure hours. If the support and interest in our work can continue I shall be amply rewarded.

H. BROOKS
Chief Public Health Inspector

